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North Hollywood Man Sentenced for Red Line Subway Murder

A 27-year-old man was sentenced today to 26 years to life in state prison for stabbing a man to death on the Red Line subway train three years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Jacob Yim said Angelo Correa of North Hollywood was found guilty on Jan. 19 of one count of first-degree murder with a knife-use allegation.

According to witness testimony, Correa had been belligerent toward passengers before exchanging words with José Velasco, 33, at about 9:20 a.m. on Jan. 13, 2014, while the train was stopped at the Vermont/Santa Monica station.

The defendant and Velasco briefly looked at each other before Correa pulled out a folding knife and stabbed the victim in the neck, killing him, according to trial testimony.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department investigated the case.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.